

R6 DAILY SUMMARY

December 5, 2012

Actions in SCOUT:

- Concurred on Federal Register Notice proposing to approve the Arkansas SIP and withdraw the FIP for PSD permitting of greenhouse gasses. SCOUT date for signature of this notice is December 10, 2012. (RC).

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External Outreach:

- Met with the City of Shreveport, LA. and DOJ to discuss resolution of the judicial case involving CWA violations from the city's POTW and collection system resulting in sanitary sewer overflows. (RC/EN)
- Met with the City of Corpus Christi, TX. , the Texas Attorney General's Office and TCEQ to discuss injunctive relief requirements pertaining to the draft consent decree for sewer system overflows and effluent violations occurring at six POTWs operated by the city. (ORC/EN)
- Participated in a meeting with Citgo Corpus Christi to follow up on 112r inspection and discuss community relations activities. (RC/EN)
- Participated on call with DOJ and BP regarding the Texas City refinery and current referral of flaring and asbestos claims (RC)
- Call with the TCEQ on the Lower Rio Grande Water Quality Initiative Project regarding the Final Data Review and Analysis Report and Technical Work Group Activities related to data review, data evaluation, and watershed modeling. (WQ)
- Joined 6EN call with Hercules Offshore regarding eNOI and permit coverage issues. (WQ)
- Signed letter to the Navajo Nation granting additional time to submit data for the HRI aquifer exemption reassessment, by deadline of January 30, 2013. The EPA reassessment of the aquifer exemption is scheduled to begin January 2013 and will take approximately 6 months to complete. (WQ)
- Call with Exide and TCEQ to discuss the site assessment report. (EN)
- Call with ADEQ to discuss the inspections conducted at Exide, Clean Harbors, and D&D. (EN)
- Pre-settlement negotiation meeting with Citgo. (EN)
- R6 staff along with staff from Air Toxics Branch participated in discussions with officials from CITGO, Corpus Christi about some of their recent outreach activities in the community of Hillcrest, the community/neighborhood located nearest to the CITGO facility. (OEJTA)
- R6 staff reached out to Santa Clara Pueblo to determine whether the Pueblo would like to be included in ongoing consultation efforts regarding permit renewal at Los Alamos National Laboratory. The Pueblo indicated it would like to be included in the Agency's outreach efforts. (OEJTA)
- Director took three SMU students on field trip to McCommas landfill. (PD)
- Attended briefings with RA in Baton Rouge. Participated in various meetings included LDEQ Secretary Peggy Hatch, and oil business leaders (XA)
- Finalized communications plan and inquiries for Goliad Texas Aquifer Exemption action (XA)
- Congressional: Provided information to TX Congressman Michael Conaway staff regarding constituent issue of trailer home park is not in compliance with the SDWA (XA)

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Organizational/Personnel:

- Participated in internal meeting to discuss ruling of violation of settlement agreement in personnel matter by payroll in Cincinnati and coordination with OGC and SSC. (RC/MD)
- Participated in National Air Enforcement Managers meeting via video and presented Luminant NOV challenge case (RC)
- Director packing for move to Superfund. (PD)
- Deputy Director proposed revisions of FY13 PARS Agreements for various staff and transmitted to them for comment or signature. (PD)

Significant Emergency Responses: None

Actions taken or Documents Issued:

- Concurred on acknowledgement letter to New Mexico for receipt of Albuquerque/Bernalillo County emissions inventory SIP submittal (RC)
- Concurred on letter to Quapaw Tribe Chairman John Berrey regarding subcontractors to conduct cleanup activities on the “catholic 40” at the Tar Creek Superfund Site. (RC)
- Concurred on letter to Congressman John Fleming regarding odor complaints at a facility in Oakdale, Louisiana (RC)
- Issued an Interim Objection Letter TCEQ for the City of Seguin draft permit due to lack of limits for Whole Effluent Toxicity and a pH limit which is inconsistent with the Texas Water Quality Standards. (WQ)
- Letter to New Orleans Water & Sewerage Board regarding Consent Decree obligations under CWA & CAA. (EN)
- AO issued to Wolfforth Place Water System in TX under SDWA. (EN)
- Cease & Desist AO issued to Petco Petroleum Corp. in OK under CWA. (EN)
- Lead-Based Paint work practice inspection in Dallas, TX. (EN)
- Poultry inspections in Northwest Arkansas. (EN)
- The Chevron Questa Mine NPL site (Site) is located in and near the village of Questa, Taos County, New Mexico. The Site includes a molybdenum mine and milling facility located on three square miles of land and tailing ponds located on approximately one and a half square miles of land, which are currently owned and operated by Chevron Mining Inc. (CMI). CMI has conducted the RI/FS, begun removals and has agreed to conduct early remedial design work. CMI has paid the \$1,250,000 in future oversight costs as agreed in the latest AOC for the early design actions. (SF)
- Director signed ODEQ FY12 EOY letter. (PD)
- Director sat in on Superfund conference call in preparation for transition to Superfund Director position. (PD)

Pending HQ Decisions:

- Air Planning Section briefed OAQPS on Regional responses to the questions raised in the Wise County ozone designation. An official EPA response is targeted by December 13, 2012. (PD)
- Conference call held today on the Title V permit petition for the Luminant permit in Texas. The RA and DRA were briefed last week on the process and expected decision. (PD)
- Deputy and Associate Air Director participated in special subject conference call with OAQPS regarding implementation of the SO₂ standard, and issues related to designations based on modeling or monitoring. (PD)

HQ Visits:

- On December 6 and 7, Region 6 will host a national Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) meeting at the Addison Facility. This is a meeting of the regional and HQ SMM managers. The purpose is to plan for the future of the SMM program. (PD)

Emerging Issues:

- A decision is expected on December 14th from the Office of Air and Radiation and the Administrator's office on the final level for the PM_{2.5} standard. Depending on the level, this may input several new nonattainment areas in Region 6. (PD)
- Exide Technologies in Frisco, Texas announced a public meeting to be held on December 12th at 7:00 at the Frisco Depot. Exide will present a community communication plan at the meeting and will describe how the public can use their website for participating in the shutdown process. They will also take questions about the shutdown, decontamination, and demolition activities. A demolition plan, dust suppression plan, and air quality-monitoring plan are available on the Exide website. The community communication plan will be released by Exide prior to the meeting. EPA is working to schedule a meeting with TCEQ and Exide representatives on December 13th or 14th to discuss the process that will be used to remediate the facility and protect the community. (PD)
- Drafting communications plan for AR 303d CWA list (XA)
- Drafting communications plan for Equistar LaPorte draft GHG permit (XA)
- Drafting communications plan for Equistar Methanol draft GHG permit (XA)
- Drafting communications plan for Arkansas GHG permit (XA)
- Determining response to reporter's request for information on episodic release reduction (XA)